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EDITOR: The past few days have brought to light several other delicate questions. With social questions we dealt in our broadcast yesterday. Today we want to comment at least briefly on Mr. Stepanek's Radio Prague commentary on the present state of so-called socialist division of labor in Comecon, on how we have been paying and are still paying for this "division of labor" as a result of which our economy now conflicts with international markets. Foreign trade is of much more importance to Czechoslovakia than it is to the other Communist states. Fluctuations in prices hit our citizen a great deal harder than the citizens of other Comecon member countries; in relation to Soviet Russia, for instance, this difference is fivefold. The question arises if it is not high time for Czechoslovakia to follow Rumania's example and take the initiative in freeing its trade links with the other Comecon members from political and other ballast, in placing them on a purely economic bedrock, in applying fully the principles of a normal market--concretely, in basing the contractual relationship between the producer and consumer on real values and real prices accepted in the world market.

It is also high time for Czechoslovakia to defy Moscow's dictate and stop extending economic aid in pursuit of illusory political objectives of international Communism in developing countries. The Soviet Union and its allies, including, in the first place, Czechoslovakia, suffered in the war between Egypt and Israel a tremendous loss involving more than \$2 billion. With the conflict not even settled yet, there are reports in Western European political circles claiming that Czechoslovakia is supplying to Egypt, by order of Moscow, 200 MIG fighters. And since Nasser, like in the past and even more so today, will have nothing to pay with, it is again only our workers who will have to finance the rearming of the Arabs in what is an investment questionable from the military as well as economic point of view.

Don't our workers have the right to learn at last the truth about how the government disposes of the fruits of their labor? When will the government make public a real account of Czechoslovakia's aid to developing countries, as it is done by the governments of every orderly state?

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